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**TURNING POINTS IN THE CIVIL WAR ASSESSMENT ACTIVITY – SHORT ANSWERS**

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1. During the ***Gettysburg Address***, Abraham Lincoln dedicated a portion of the battlefield as a final resting place for the Union soldiers who had died there. He also helped to ***redefine the purpose of the Civil War by using this expression*** to refer to the emancipation – or liberty – of enslaved African-Americans:

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2. After the Battle of Gettysburg had ended, thousands of Union soldiers were put on trains and transported to ***New York City*** to put down a ***violent riot*** caused by attempts on the part of the government to conscript, or draft, ***this group of people***:

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3. This was the ***strategy the Union*** adopted at the start of the Civil War in order to defeat the Confederacy. Its creator was ***General Winfield Scott***. The plan included a blockade against Southern ports, an attempt to control the Mississippi River, assaults upon Confederate territory, and the capture of Richmond, VA, the capital of the Confederacy.

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4. ***General William Tecumseh Sherman burned this city to the ground*** in the autumn of 1864, before he began his famous ***“March to the Sea.”***

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5. During the ***Battle of Fredericksburg***, this group of men was defeated despite fourteen desperate attempts to climb up ***Marye’s Heights*** along the Rappahannock River. Their commander, General Ambrose Burnside, accepted responsibility for the devastating losses, and was relieved of command.

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6. This ***failed military leader*** ran against Abraham Lincoln for President in 1864. Again, he failed.

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7. During ***Pickett’s Charge*** on the third day of the Battle of Gettysburg, this army suffered horrifying casualties. Although the war would drag on for another two years, ***this army would never regain its full strength***. By April of 1865, they would be forced to surrender to Ulysses S. Grant at Appomattox Court House, Virginia.

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8. ***Ulysses S. Grant’s*** victory during the ***Siege of Vicksburg***, Mississippi gave the Union control of this ***river***, one vital component to their overall battle strategy.

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9. He was ***accidentally shot in the left arm by his own men*** when he surprised a small group of sentries while carrying out reconnaissance for a planned night attack after the ***Battle of Chancellorsville***. His arm was amputated, it became infected, and he passed away later in the week of pneumonia. General Robert E. Lee was reported to have stated, “I have lost my right hand.”

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10. This battle is considered a turning point in the Civil War because it precipitated three (3) important events. First, it allowed Abraham Lincoln to release the ***Emancipation Proclamation***. Secondly, it provided him with ***justification to relieve George McClellan of command*** for insubordination. Finally, the defeat of Lee’s Army ***convinced foreign nations that intervening on behalf of the Confederacy was probably not going to be worthwhile***.

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11. During the Civil War, ***this edge in the realm of transportation*** was a huge advantage for the Union Army. As William Tecumseh Sherman and his men advanced through Georgia during the autumn of 1864, they were sure to destroy them all. His men were known for heating the steel structures over fires until they were virtually molten, and them bending them around trees. The army called the end result ***“Sherman’s Ribbons”, or Sherman’s Neck Ties.”***

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12. This catastrophic loss for the Union was probably the ***low point in the Civil War for the Abraham Lincoln and the North***. Thousands of men had died in a failed effort to cross the Rappahannock River and make progress towards the Confederate capital at Richmond, VA.

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